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Carter Closing In on Selections for Top Posts

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ATLANTA — President-elect Jimmy Carter, working to name his top economic and national security advisers, was meeting with five more prospective Cabinet-level appointees in the governor's mansion here today.

They are Rep. Andrew Young of Georgia, one of Carter's earliest black supporters; Rep. Brock Adams of Washington, reportedly a top prospect for secretary of Transportation; Harold Brown, former Air Force secretary and now president of the California Institute of Technology and a top prospect for defense secretary; W. Michael Blumenfeld, president and chairman of the Bendix Corp., and IBM vice president Jane Cahill Pfeiffer.

This afternoon, Carter comes to Washington, where he will spend tomorrow and Friday meeting with congressional leaders, members of Congress, his transition team and a number of top Ford administration officials. These include Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, CIA Director George Bush and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Carter will also confer with Sens. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut and Richard Stone of Florida and with Leonard Woodcock, president of the United Auto Workers.

Yesterday, he interviewed five other Cabinet-level prospects: former Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger; Paul Warnke, former assistant secretary of Defense; Zbigniew Brzezinski of Columbia University, a Russian affairs expert and a top Carter adviser on foreign affairs; Patricia Roberts Harris, Howard University law dean and former ambassador to Luxembourg, and Joseph Califano, Washington attorney who was a top domestic coordinator for former President Johnson.

He also reportedly wants to meet with Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas and may be meeting with former governor Kenneth Curtis of Maine.

Carter has warned that some of the people he is meeting with may be advisers rather than primary prospects for posts in his administration. He interviewed each for 45 minutes along with Sen. Walter F. Mondale, his vice presidential running mate; Hamilton Jordan, his campaign manager and a top transition adviser, and Atlanta attorney Charles Kirbo, one of his closest and oldest associates. Carter then met for 15 minutes alone with each of his visitors.

He said he might have announcements of appointments tomorrow or Friday at the earliest.